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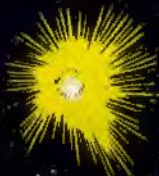
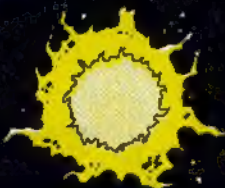
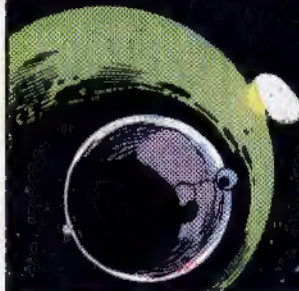


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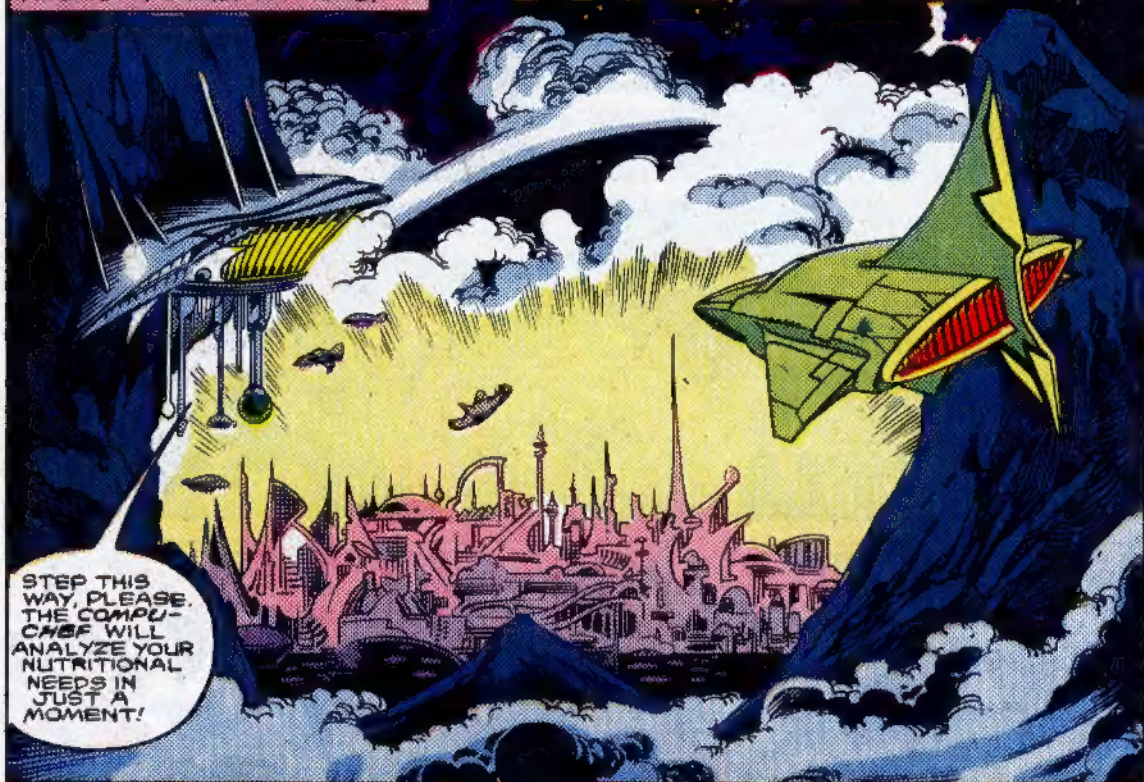
# THE SAGA OF THE VISIONARIES!

THERE ARE NO ASTROLOGERS ON THE PEACEFUL PLANET PRYSNOS, IF THERE WERE, PERHAPS THE POSITION OF PRYSNOS'S THREE SUNS WOULD HAVE PROMPTED A DIKE PREDICTION OF THINGS TO COME...



BUT HIGH ABOVE THE BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL CITY OF NEW VALARAK, SUCH CELESTIAL CONCERNS COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE MINDS OF THE IRON MOUNTAIN DINER'S PAMPERED PATRONS.

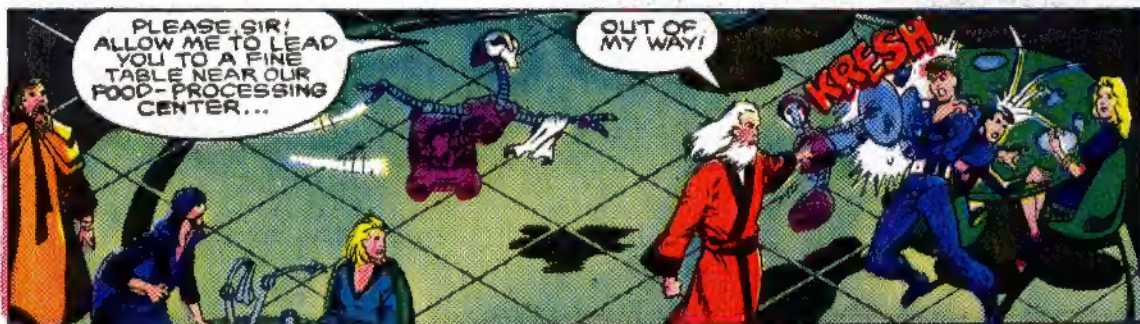
## "THE END.."



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FOR AGES, I'VE WATCHED MAN BUILD METAL SERVANTS TO DO HIS BIDDING! I'VE WATCHED AS HE BECAME MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON HIS MACHINES! IT'S SICKENED ME!

TONIGHT IT ALL CHANGES! NO MORE MACHINES TO FEED YOU! TO TAKE YOU HOME! TO TUCK YOU INTO YOUR BEDS! MAN HAS GROWN SOFT AND WEAK! NOW HE'LL HAVE TO BE--



--STRONG TO SURVIVE!

--EH?



I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.



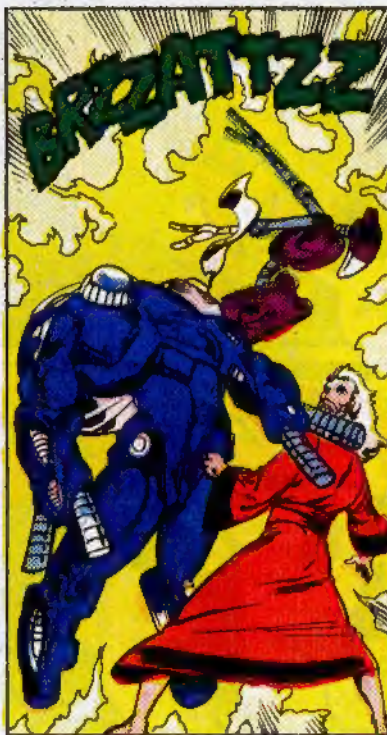
AT THAT VERY MOMENT PRYSMOS AND ITS THREE SUNS ALIGN...



IT'S HAPPENING NOW! I CAN FEEL IT!



THE AGE OF SCIENCE IS--



--OVER!

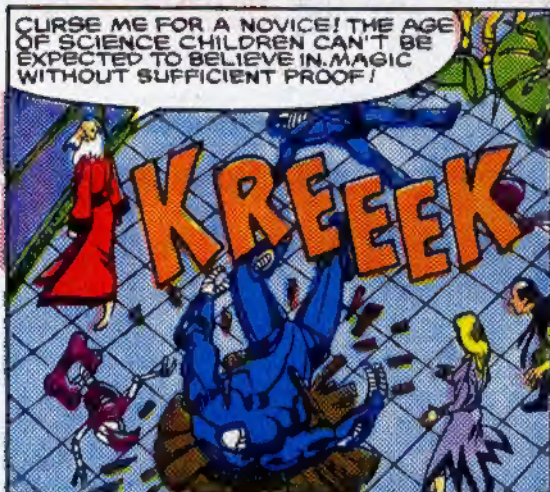






BEHOLD THE DAWN OF THE SECOND AGE OF MAGIC! THIS IS A NIGHT I PROMISE NONE OF YOU WILL SOON FORGET!

GIVE IT A REST, OLD-TIMER! IT'S JUST ANOTHER ROUTINE POWER FAILURE! THE LIGHTS WILL BE BACK ON SOON -- AND MAYBE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND YOU A PSYCH-DROID TO GET YOU BACK TO THE BOOBY HATCH!



CURSE ME FOR A NOVICE! THE AGE OF SCIENCE CHILDREN CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE IN MAGIC WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PROOF!

KREEEK



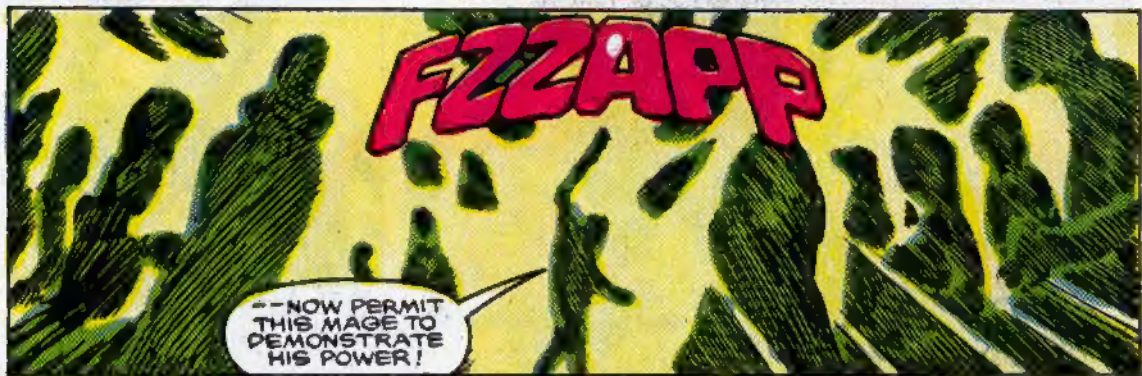
THAT SOUND -- I WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS MACHINES TO KEEP THIS PLACE ALOFT WE STAND ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!

GATHER 'ROUND ME AT ONCE! I'M YOUR ONLY HOPE!

WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE? WE'RE ~~DOOMED~~!



YOU'VE WITNESSED THE AGE OF SCIENCE'S FINAL HOUR --



FZZAPP

--NOW PERMIT THIS MAGE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POWER!



AND AS IF TO VALIDATE  
MERKLYNN'S WORDS--"THE  
AGE OF SCIENCE IS OVER"--

**RRENNCH**

--THE IRON MOUNTAIN  
DINER SNAPS FREE  
FROM ITS ANTI-GRAV  
MOORINGS--



--AND COMES TO  
A CATACLYSMIC  
END



**DAK-KOOOM**

BUT THE PEOPLE  
INSIDE DO NOT--  
THANKS TO  
THE MAGE'S SPELL  
OF TELEPORTATION.

THANKS TO MAGIC!

GO NOW! RETURN TO  
YOUR CITY! YOUR ONLY  
HOPE FOR SURVIVAL IS  
TO CREATE A BRAVE  
NEW WORLD OUT OF  
THE OLD!

I HAVE OTHER  
MATTERS TO ATTEND...

FEAR NOT! FOR  
MERKLYNN  
SHALL RETURN!

ANYONE KNOW A  
GOOD RESTAURANT  
NEAR HERE?

OH, NO! HE'S  
LEAVING US!

**FZZAPP**

MERKLYNN...?



EVERYWHERE ON PHYSICS THE LAWS OF SCIENCE ARE BROKEN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIMPLEST DEVICES, THE MACHINES OF THIS WORLD NO LONGER FUNCTION, THE AGE OF MAGIC HAS BEGUN WITH A BANG.

A BIG BANG!

# "...THE BEGINNING!"

THE GLORIOUS METROPOLIS OF NEW VALARAK BEGINS TO SELF-DESTRUCT. SKY-SHIPS SOAR WILDLY OUT OF CONTROL, CRASHING INTO DARK, POWERLESS TOWERS.

KRA-BLOOM

WE'VE GOT NO POWER! WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS NO LONGER OPERATE

SAFETY SYSTEMS FAIL

TRANSPORT VEHICLES GRIND TO A HALT

POWER GENERATORS SHUT DOWN

SCIENTISTS CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY THEIR WORLD HAS STOPPED MAKING SENSE. THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN WHAT WENT WRONG, WORSE, THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO NOW.

SHROOM

BUH-KOOM

PA-POOM

BLOOM

AMIDST THE RAMPANT DESTRUCTION ALL ANYONE CAN DO IS FIGHT TO STAY ALIVE.

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, ALL TRACES OF THE ONCE PEACEFUL SOCIETY VANISH TO BE REPLACED BY THE HORRORS OF BARBARISM.



AND FROM THE RUINS RISES A NEW ORDER...

...COBBLED  
TOGETHER FROM  
BITS AND PIECES  
OF THE OLD



WEARING SUITS OF ARMOR FORGED FROM  
THE REMAINS OF USELESS MACHINERY,  
MODERN DAY KNIGHTS TRAIN IN THE  
ARTS OF COMBAT TO DEFEND AND PROTECT  
THEIR COMMUNITIES.



NO LONGER DO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NASCENT SOCIETY  
ASK WHY THEIR OLD WORLD SO BRUTALLY BETRAYED THEM.  
INSTEAD, THEY FOCUS ALL THEIR ENERGY ON TRYING TO  
STAY ALIVE IN THIS NEW WORLD.

EYAAH!  
MOVE IT,  
RABBLE--OR  
TASTE THE  
STEEL OF  
REEKON'S  
BATTLE-  
BLADE!

RUN!  
RUN FOR  
YOUR  
LIVES!

THE MAD  
KNIGHT IS OUT  
FOR BLOOD!



HA! THE FOOLS HAVE  
STUMBLERED RIGHT INTO  
MY...



...TRAP!

WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING TO  
DO TO US?



THAT'S FOR  
DARKSTORM TO  
DECIDE!

WELL DONE, REEKON! YOU  
SHALL BE REWARDED AMPLY!  
MORTDREDD, PREPARE THE  
PRISONERS FOR THE SLAVE  
PENS!

BUT WHAT  
ABOUT MY  
FAMILY? WHO  
WILL TAKE  
CARE OF  
THEM?



SILENCE,  
SLAVE! IT  
IS AN HONOR  
TO SERVE  
THE MIGHTY  
DARKSTORM!

SAVE YOUR BREATH,  
MORTDREDD! THERE'S  
NO NEED FOR DEBATE,  
THEIR FATES ARE  
SEALED!



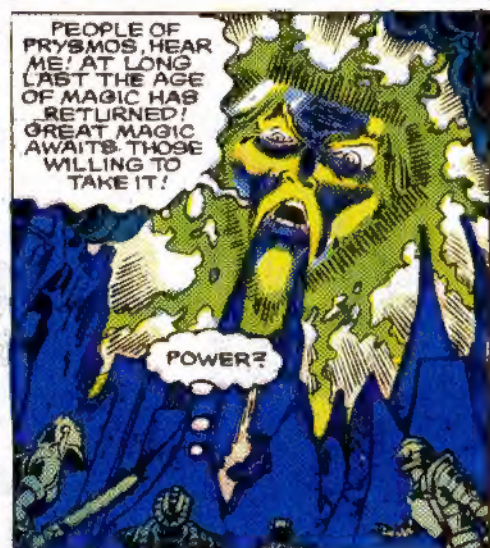








**KRA-KOOM**





AND NEITHER CAN DARKSTORM! DAYS  
LATER AT HIS DARK DOMAIN...

LEORIC IS A BLEEDING HEART!  
THESE TIMES CALL FOR A LEADER  
OF GREAT INTERNAL STRENGTH,  
UNAFRAID TO MAKE TOUGH,  
UNPOPULAR DECISIONS THAT  
NEED TO BE MADE IF THIS  
WORLD IS TO SURVIVE!

A LEADER  
SUCH AS  
MYSELF!

YOU ARE SO  
RIGHT, GREAT  
DARKSTORM!

OF COURSE I AM  
MORTDREDD! THAT IS  
WHY WE MUST BE THE  
ONES TO POSSESS  
THIS POWER THE OLD  
MAN IN THE SKY  
SPOKE ABOUT! ISN'T  
THAT RIGHT,  
REEKON?

HEY, MORE POWER TO YOU!

YOU ARE AS  
ELOQUENT  
AS EVER, MY  
FRIEND! AND  
YOU ARE  
ALSO QUITE  
CORRECT!

WE MUST SHIFT  
THE BALANCE OF  
POWER TO OUR SIDE!  
ONLY THEN WILL WE  
BE ABLE TO  
ELIMINATE LEORIC  
AND HIS FOOLISH  
FOLLOWERS!

WHILE AT LEORIC'S STRONG-  
HOLD IN NEW VALARAK...

I DON'T TRUST THIS  
OLD MAN, WHY DIDN'T  
HE JUST GIVE US  
THIS GREAT POWER  
OF WHICH HE  
SPOKE? WHY MUST  
WE PLAY GAMES?

IS HE JUST  
MAKING US JUMP  
THROUGH HOOPS  
FOR HIS  
AMUSEMENT?

AND WHAT IF  
HE IS? DO WE  
HAVE ANY  
CHANCE,  
LEORIC?

ECTAR'S RIGHT!  
WE MUST TRY TO  
GET THIS  
MAGICAL POWER--  
FOR IF WE DON'T  
DARKSTORM  
WILL!

AND I DON'T  
WANT TO EVEN  
THINK ABOUT  
WHAT THAT  
FIEND WOULD  
DO WITH SUCH  
POWER!

IT'S DECIDED  
THEN! WE MUST  
TRY TO WIN THE  
MAGIC POWER!

SO  
BE IT!

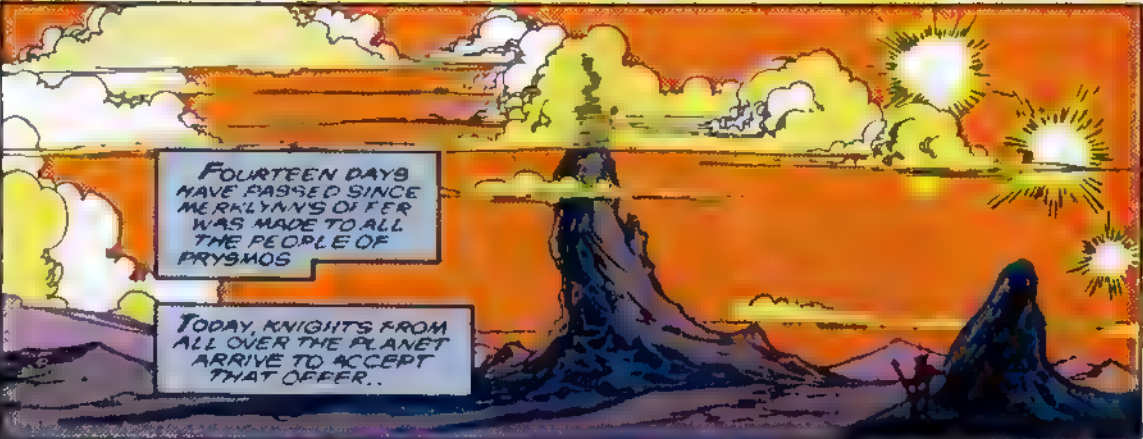
WHILE OUTSIDE THE  
CHAMBER...

IT'S  
MOST FORTUNATE  
THAT I STOPPED BY  
HERE ON MY WAY TO  
THE IRON MOUNTAIN.

THE  
POLITICAL  
CLIMATE  
OF THIS  
REGION IS  
NOW QUITE  
CLEAR!

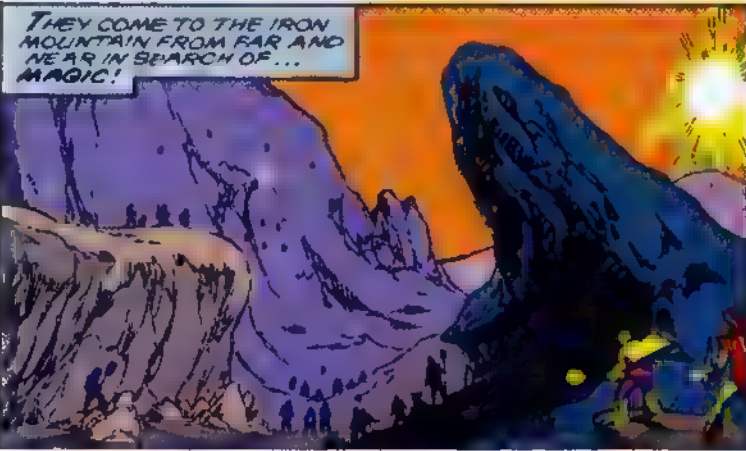
AFTER ALL, AM I  
NOT KNOWN IN SOME  
QUARTERS AS CRAVEY  
THE CURIOUS?






FOURTEEN DAYS  
HAVE PASSED SINCE  
MERKLYNN'S OFFER  
WAS MADE TO ALL  
THE PEOPLE OF  
PRYSMOS

TODAY, KNIGHTS FROM  
ALL OVER THE PLANET  
ARRIVE TO ACCEPT  
THAT OFFER...

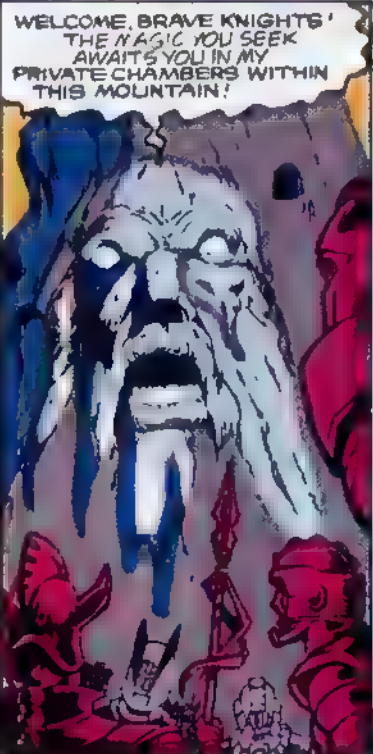


THEY COME TO THE IRON  
MOUNTAIN FROM FAR AND  
NEAR IN SEARCH OF ...  
MAGIC!



WHAT SORCERY BE  
THIS? A FACE IS  
FORMING ON THE  
MOUNTAINSIDE!

'TIS THE FACE  
OF HIM WHO  
SUMMONED  
US HERE!

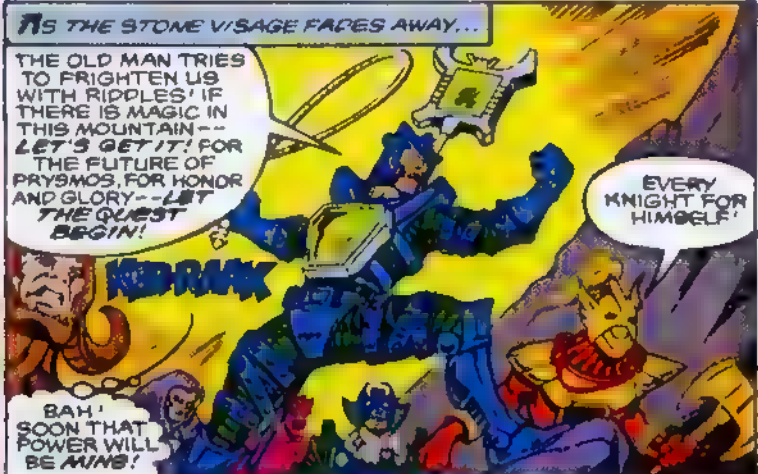


WELCOME, BRAVE KNIGHTS!  
THE MAGIC YOU SEEK  
AWAITS YOU IN MY  
PRIVATE CHAMBERS WITHIN  
THIS MOUNTAIN!

BUT BE WARNED  
THAT ONLY  
THOSE WITH  
STRONG VISIONS  
OF THE FUTURE  
AND EVEN  
STRONGER WILL  
CAN HOPE TO  
SEIZE AND  
CONTROL SUCH  
POWER!

OTHERWISE,  
THE POWER  
WILL TAKE  
CONTROL,  
AND IT WILL  
DESTROY  
YOU!

AS THE STONE VISAGE FADES AWAY...



THE OLD MAN TRIES  
TO FRIGHTEN US  
WITH RIDDLES! IF  
THERE IS MAGIC IN  
THIS MOUNTAIN--  
LET'S GET IT! FOR  
THE FUTURE OF  
PRYSMOS, FOR HONOR  
AND GLORY--LET  
THE QUEST  
BEGIN!

EVERY  
KNIGHT FOR  
HIMSELF!

BAH!  
SOON THAT  
POWER WILL  
BE MINE!





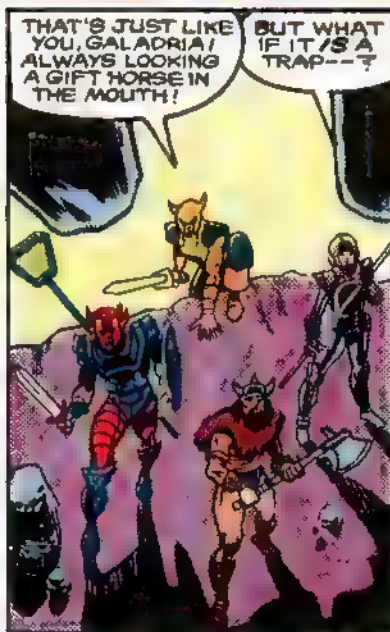
NO! THE POWER  
MUST BE USED  
FOR THE GOOD OF  
ALL PHYSMOS!

NOT IF I  
GET THERE  
FIRST!



SOON... THERE!  
THAT  
MUST BE THE  
SECRET CHAMBER!

THAT'S  
TOO EASY!  
IT COULD  
BE A  
TRAP!



THAT'S JUST LIKE  
YOU, GALADRIA!  
ALWAYS LOOKING  
A GIFT HORSE IN  
THE MOUTH!

BUT WHAT  
IF IT'S A  
TRAP--?



BAH! STAY  
BEHIND IF YOU  
LIKE, IT'LL  
JUST LEAVE  
MORE MAGIC  
FOR US!

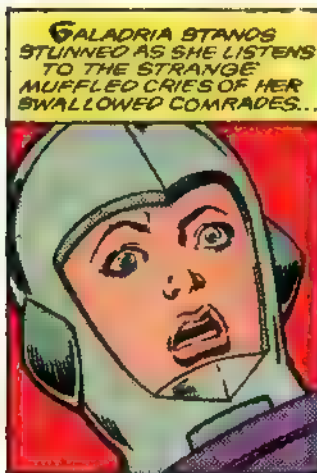
BUT--!



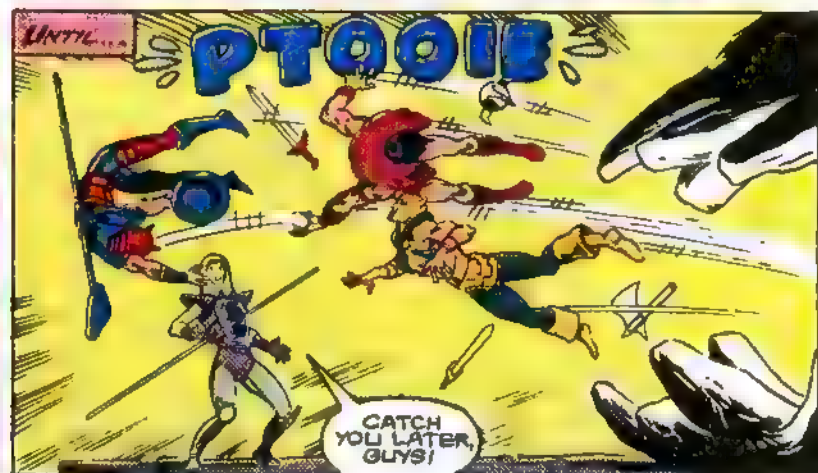
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IT'S  
ALIVE!

I KNEW  
IT!



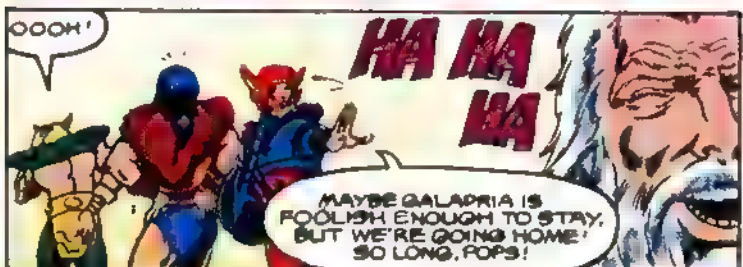
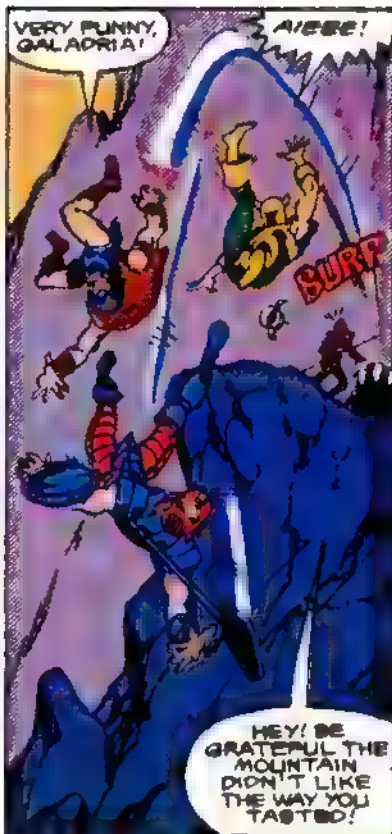
GALADRIA STANDS  
STUNNED AS SHE LISTENS  
TO THE STRANGE  
MUFFLED CRIES OF HER  
SWALLOWED COMRADES...



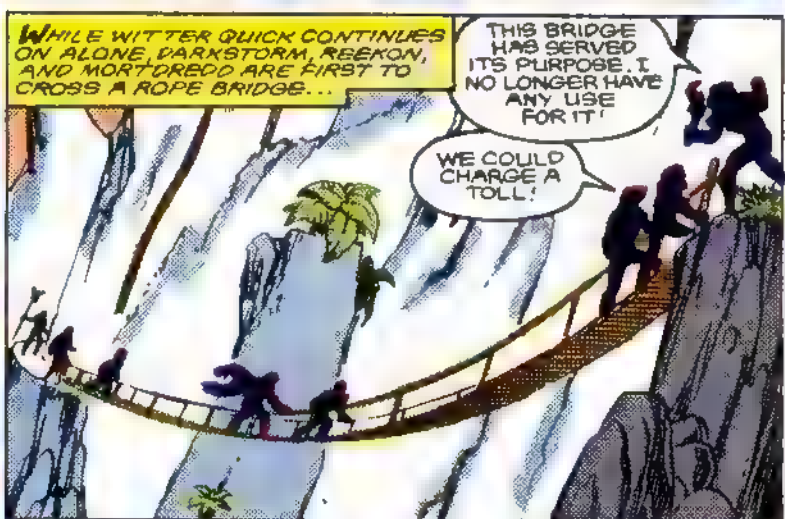
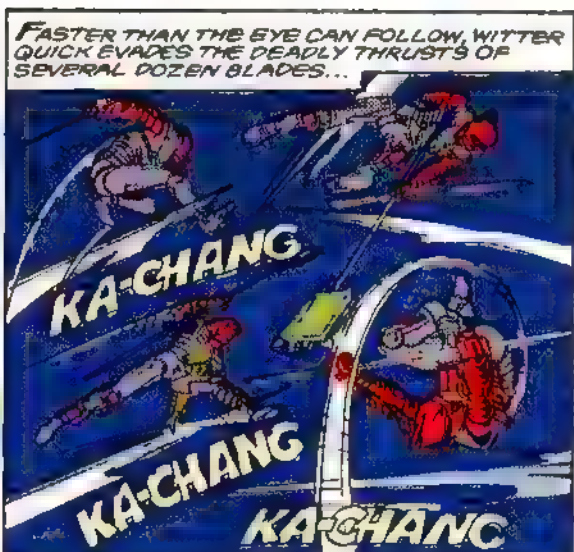
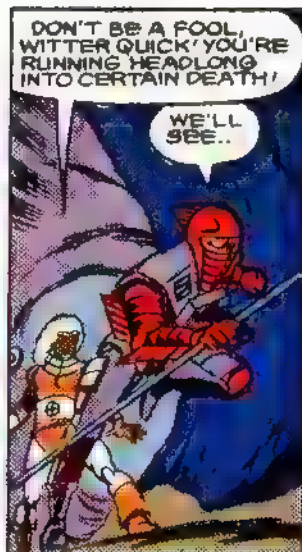
UNTIL... PTOOIE

CATCH  
YOU LATER,  
GUYS!

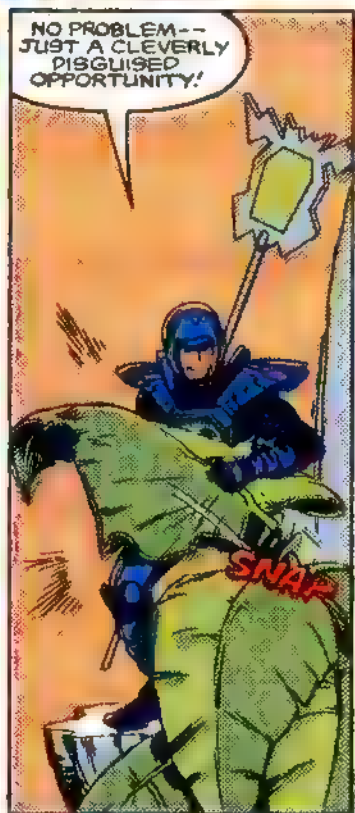
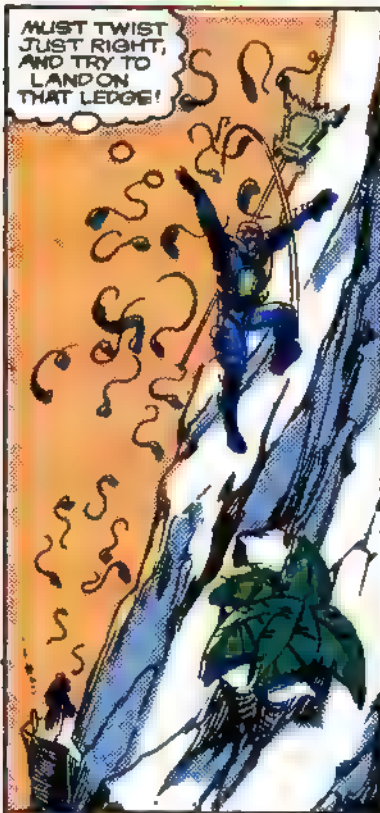
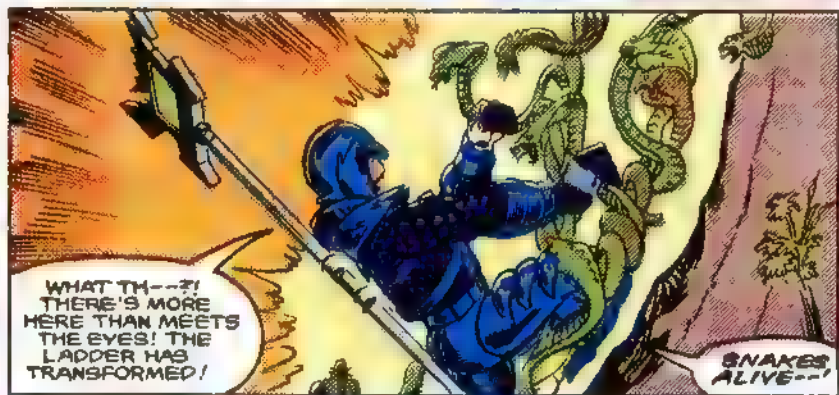
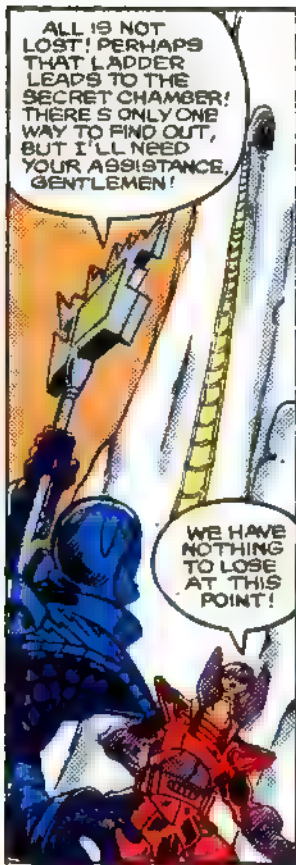




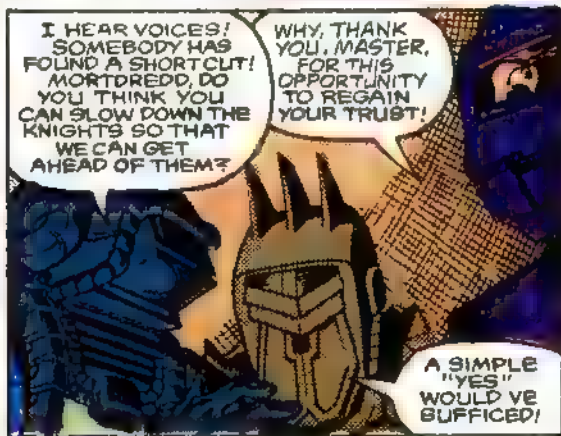
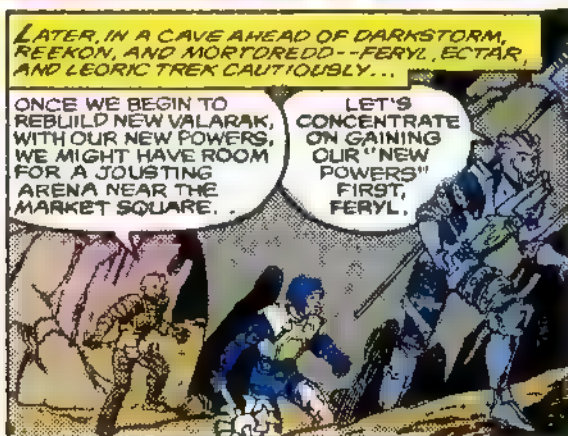
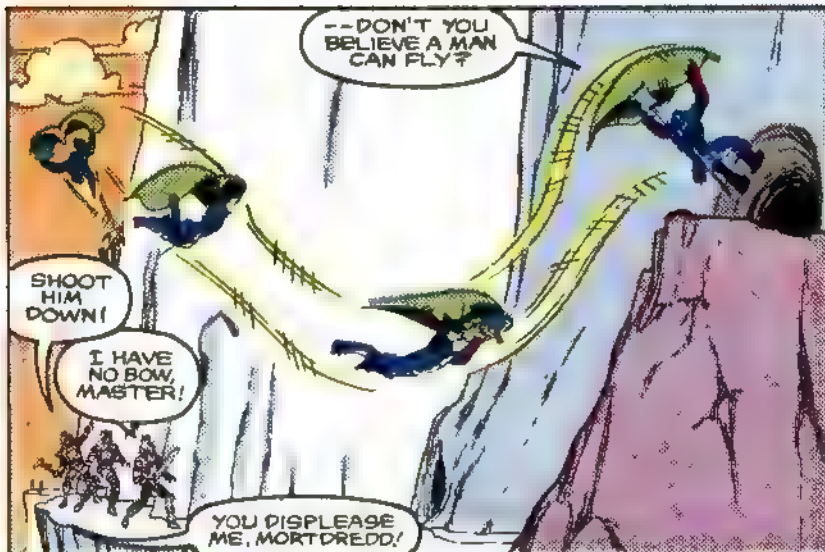
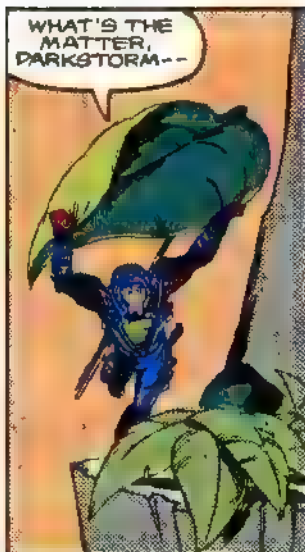




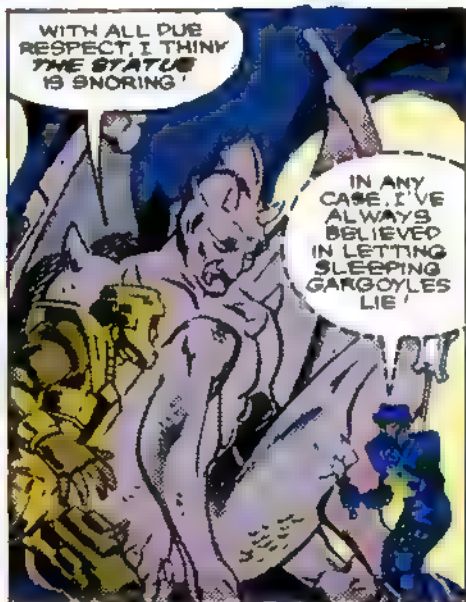
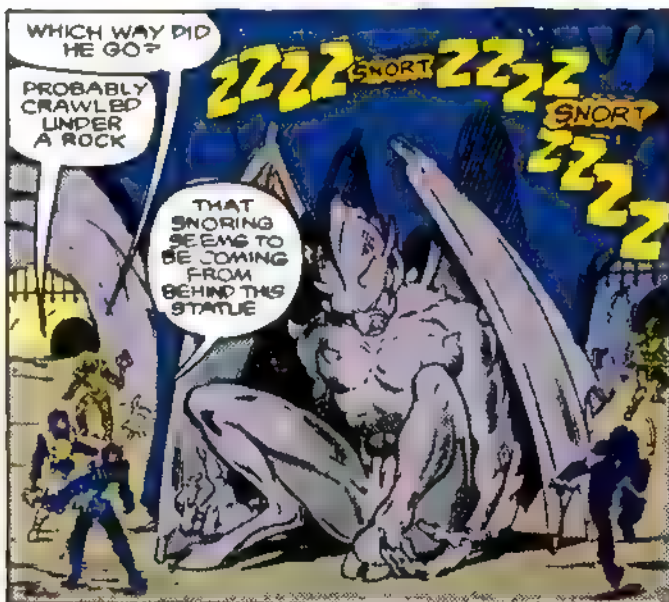
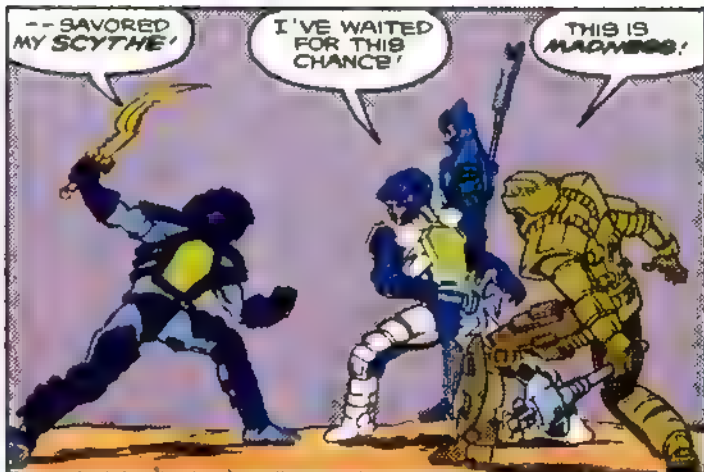




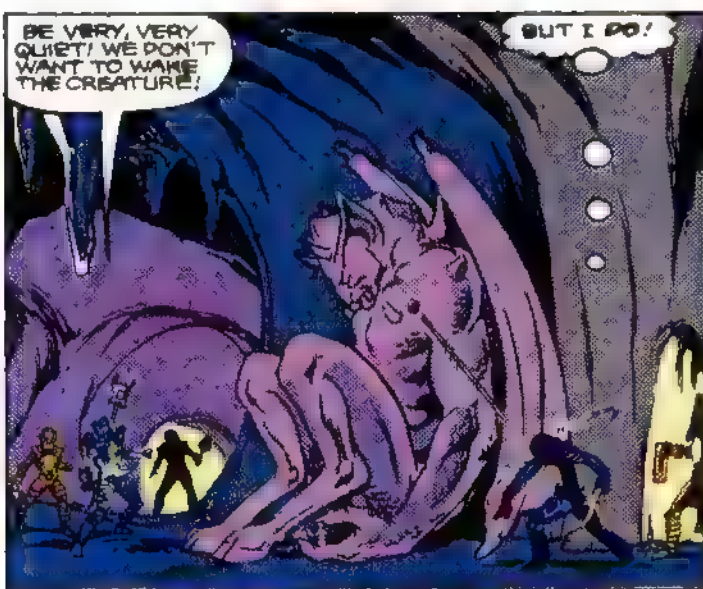
















WE'RE TRAPPED!

I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD END LIKE THIS!



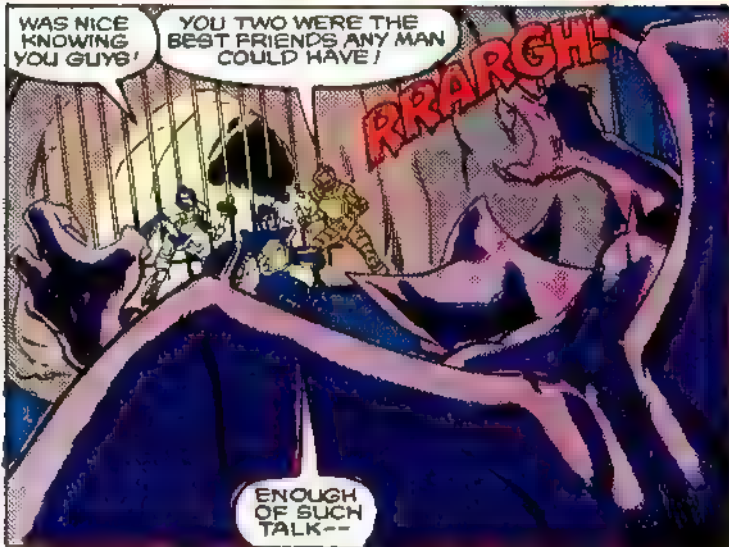
THIS TRIP IS PROVING TO BE VERY PROFITABLE!



WE'LL BE FREE OF LEORIC AND HIS STOOGES AND WE'LL HAVE MAGIC POWERS!

ISN'T LIFE GREAT? NAHAHA!

HA  
HA  
HA



WAS NICE KNOWING YOU GUYS!

YOU TWO WERE THE BEST FRIENDS ANY MAN COULD HAVE!

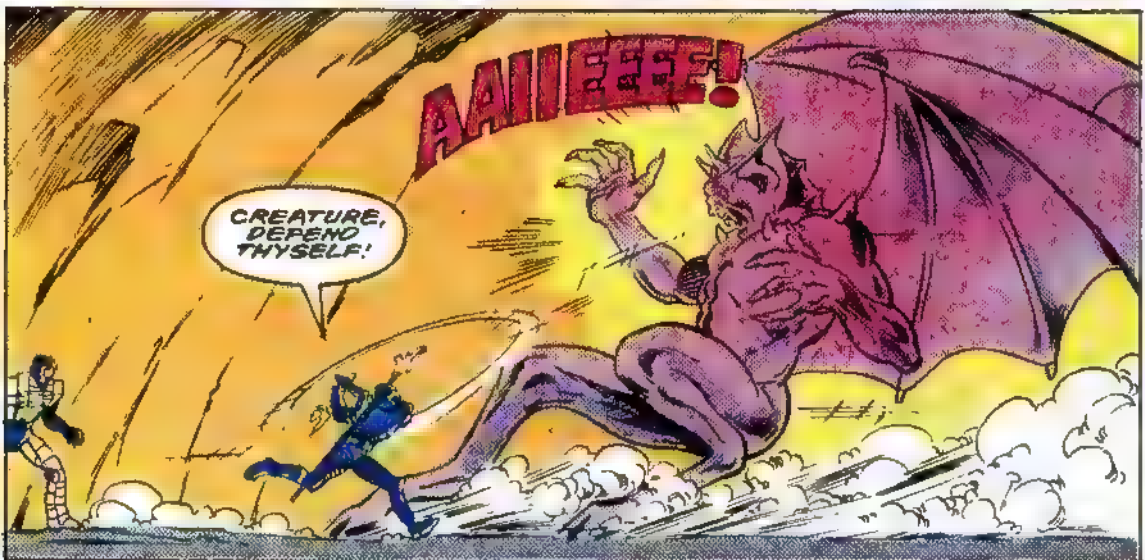
RRARGH!

ENOUGH OF SUCH TALK--



--THIS SITUATION DEMANDS ACTION!

HE'S CRAZY!



AAIEEEEE!

CREATURE, DEFEND THYSELF!





I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!

THERE WAS METHOD TO MY MADNESS.

THAT'S HOW I USED TO DEAL WITH BULLIES WHEN I WAS JUST A KID! AMAZING!



FARTHER AWAY...

WHERE ARE YOU MORTDREDD?

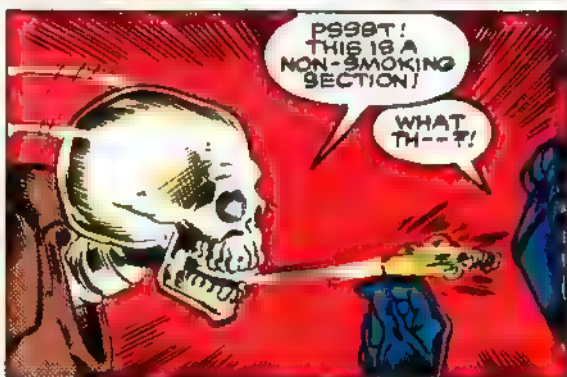
I DON'T KNOW!

BAW! YOU ARE LESS THAN USELESS!



THIS MUST BE THE ART GALLERY.

IF I CAN JUST FIND MY WAY--



PSST! THIS IS A NON-SMOKING SECTION!

WHAT TH--T!

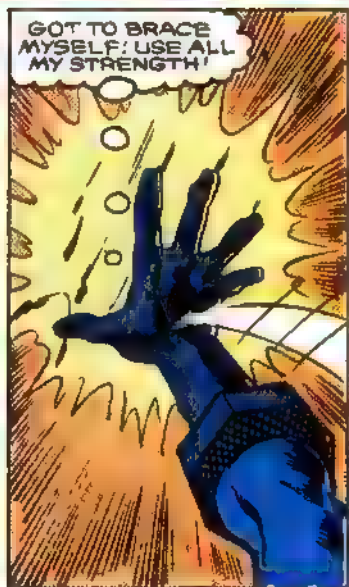


SMOKING IS DOWNSTAIRS!

OOOF!



NOOOOOOOO!



GOT TO BRACE MYSELF! USE ALL MY STRENGTH!



SLOWLY, SURELY, INCH BY INCH, DARKSTORM MAKES HIS WAY BACK UP THE SHAFT.

WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THAT SMART-MOUTH SKELETON, I'LL BREAK EVERY ONE OF HIS BONES **THREE** TIMES!

ELSEWHERE IN THE IRON MOUNTAIN, GALADRIA CONTINUES HER QUEST. BUT SHE IS NOT ALONE...

I MUST STRIKE SWIFTLY BEFORE SHE DETECTS MY PRESENCE!

THIS IS PERFECT. READY, SET--

--GO!

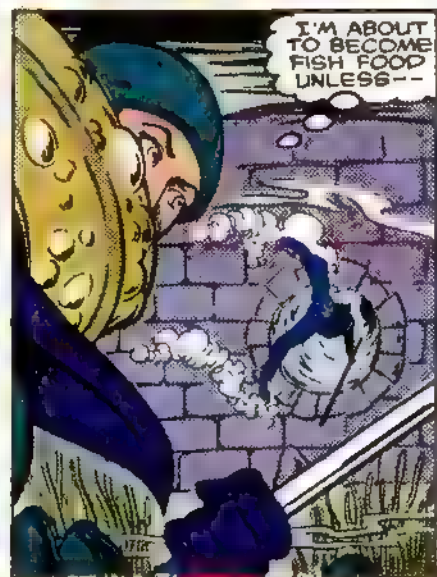
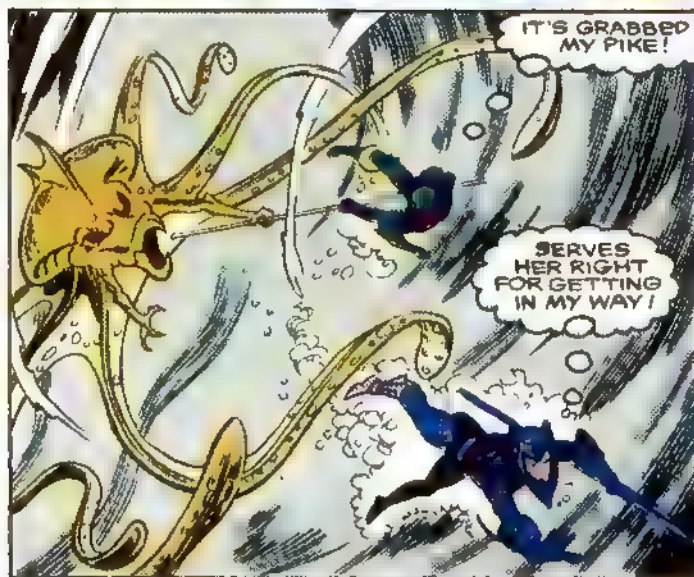
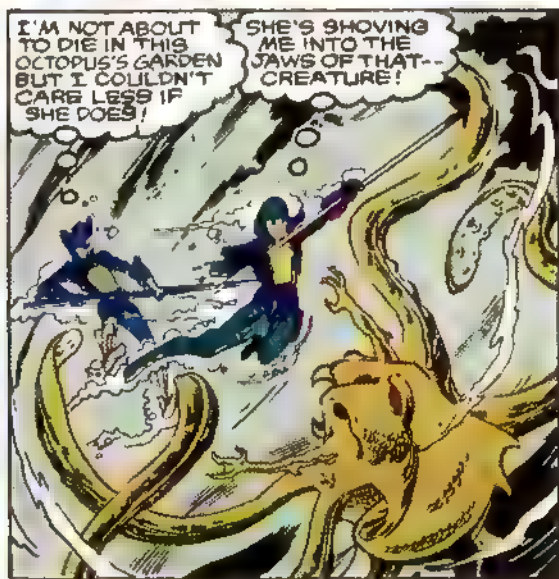
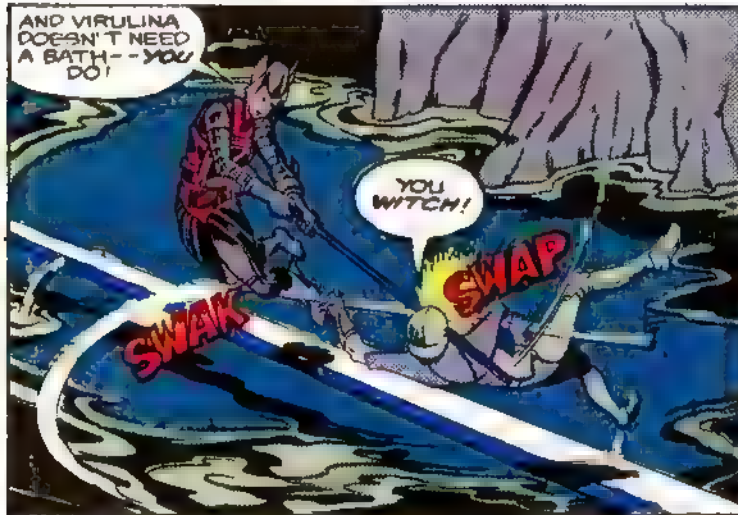
IMPOSSIBLE! SHE DUCKED!

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TAKING A BATH? IT MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO SNEAK UP ON SOMEONE.

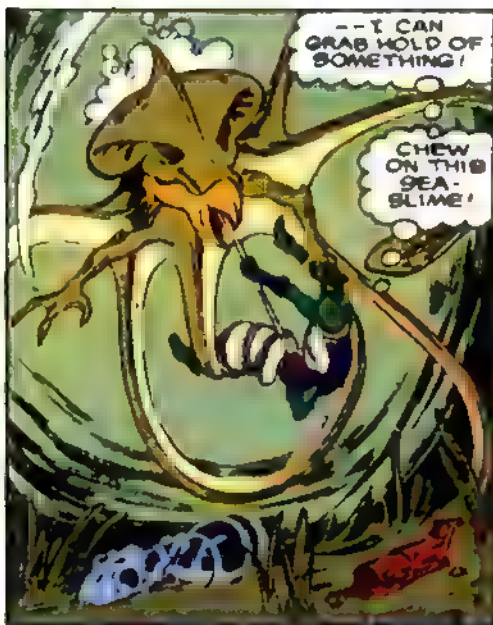
I WASN'T SNEAKING! I WAS MERELY TRYING TO AVOID LOOKING AT YOUR WRETCHED FACE!

SWISSH









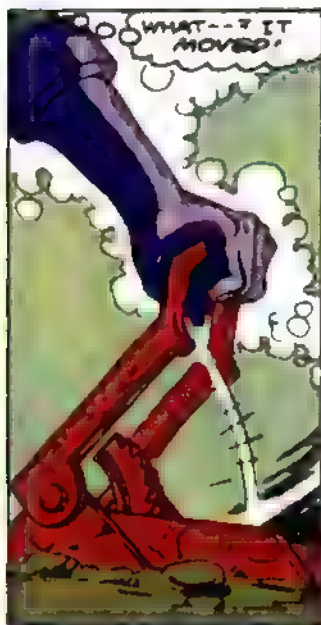
-- I CAN GRAB HOLD OF SOMETHING!

CHEW ON THIS SEA-SLIME!



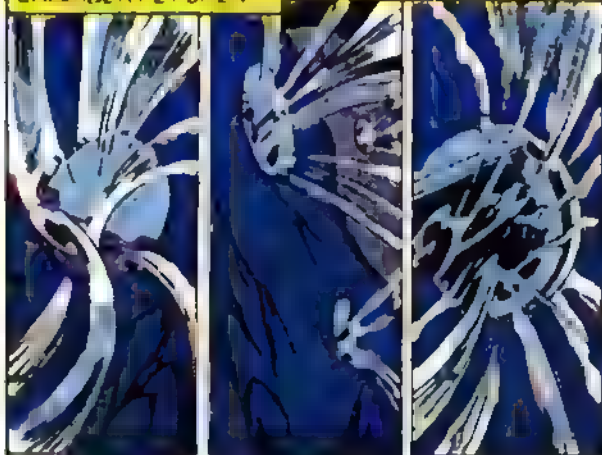
IT'S GRIP IS TIGHT- ENING-- GROWING STRONGER!

I'VE GOT TO GIVE THIS EVERY THING I'VE GOT!

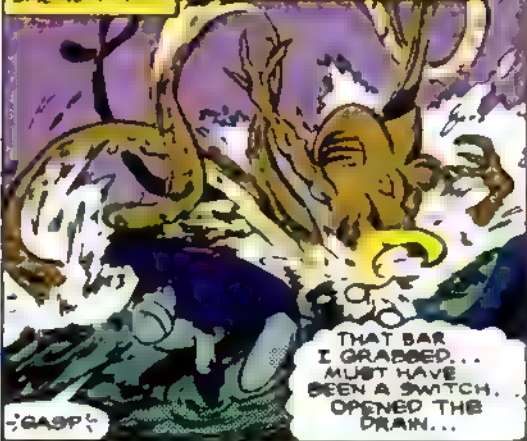


WHAT--? IT MOVED!

SUDDENLY THE MANY DRAINS LINED THE SUNKEN CHAMBER FLY OPEN



LEAVING THE CREATURE FLAILING ABOUT... AND FORGETTING ALL ABOUT GALADRIA



THAT BAR I GRABBED... MUST HAVE BEEN A SWITCH. OPENED THE DRAIN...

~GASP~

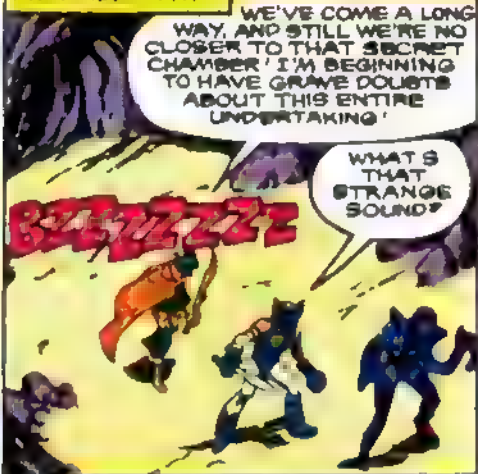


WE...  
WILL...  
MEET  
AGAIN...  
VIRULINA



I SWEAR IT!

WHILE ELSEWHERE IN THE TRAP-LADEN IRON MOUNTAIN

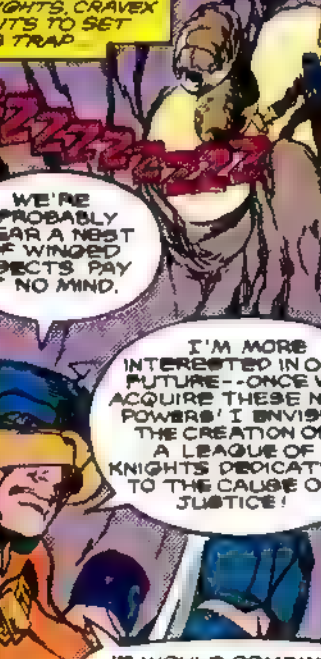


WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, AND STILL WE'RE NO CLOSER TO THAT SECRET CHAMBER! I'M BEGINNING TO HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THIS ENTIRE UNDERTAKING!

WHAT'S THAT STRANGE SOUND?

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HIGH ABOVE THE  
UNSUSPECTING  
KNIGHTS, CRAVE  
X WAITS TO SET  
HIS TRAP.

BZZZZZZZZZZ

WE'RE  
PROBABLY  
NEAR A NEST  
OF WINGED  
INSECTS PAY  
IT NO MIND.

I'M MORE  
INTERESTED IN OUR  
FUTURE--ONCE WE  
ACQUIRE THESE NEW  
POWERS' I ENVISION  
THE CREATION OF  
A LEAGUE OF  
KNIGHTS DEDICATED  
TO THE CAUSE OF  
JUSTICE!

IT WOULD COMBINE  
MY EXPERTISE  
WITH WEAPONRY, YOUR  
DETECTIVE SKILLS--

## WHAT'S THIS?

IT WOULD COMBINE  
MY EXPERTISE  
WITH WEAPONS, YOUR  
DETECTIVE SKILLS--

**RUN FOR  
YOUR LIFE**



A League of Justice Fighters! Hmmpfh!

THEY COULDN'T  
EVEN HANDLE A  
FEW BEES!

THEY DID LEAVE  
BEHIND SEVERAL FINE  
WEAPONS. I MUST ADMIT!  
PERFECT FOR MY  
COLLECTION!





STILL ELSEWHERE, IN A FROZEN CHAMBER, TWO FORMER FOES RENEW THEIR COLD WAR...

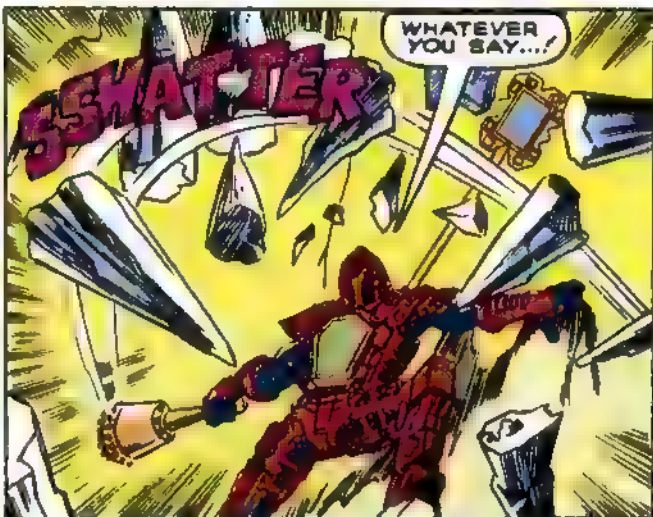
WHAT'S WRONG, CRYOTEK, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR WAY?

NO, CINDARR, BUT YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME LONG ENOUGH! IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT TO THE SECRET CHAMBER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST!

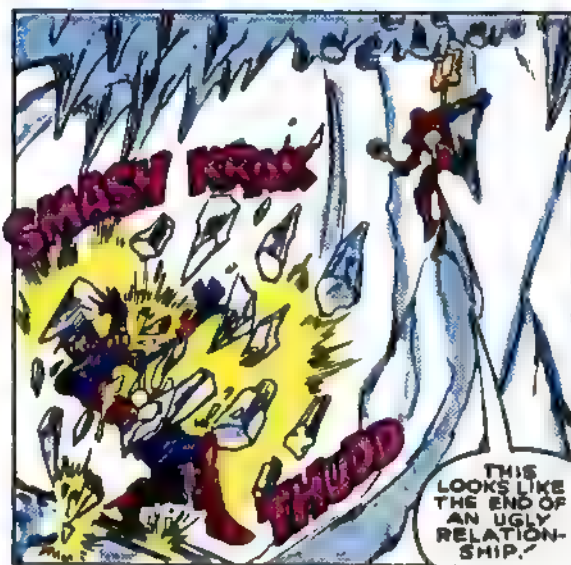
FOR ONCE, I AGREE!



NOW YOU'RE SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS, COWARD! COME BACK HERE AND FINISH WHAT WE'VE STARTED! LET'S END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!



WHATEVER YOU SAY....!

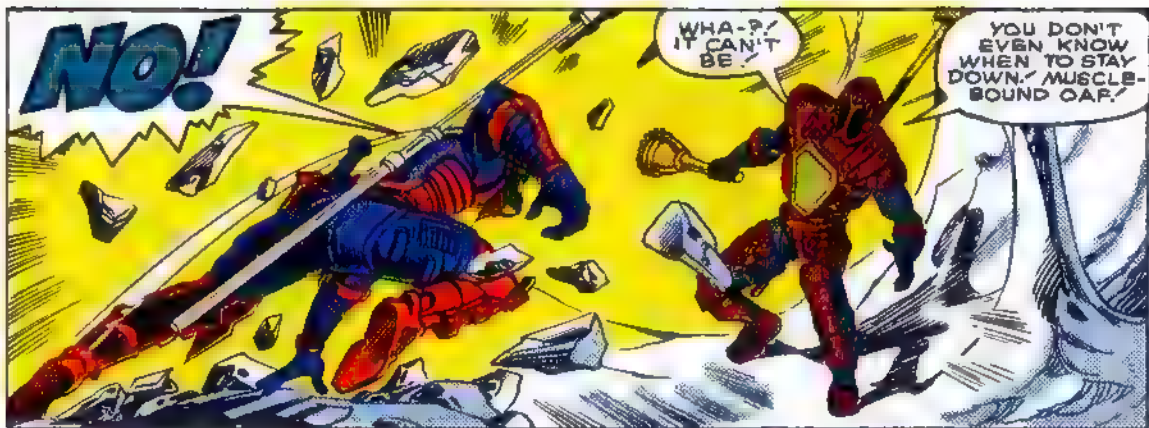


THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END OF AN UGLY RELATIONSHIP!

YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, WON'T YOU? I HAVE A DATE WITH DESTINY!







**NO!**

WHA-P!  
IT CAN'T  
BE!

YOU DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHEN TO STAY  
DOWN! MUSCLE-  
SOUND OAF!



MUST MOVE  
SWIFTLY.  
HE'S AN UN-  
STOPPABLE  
JUGGERNAUT  
OF DE-  
STRUCTION  
WHEN HE'S  
MAD!

I'LL  
TAKE  
CARE OF  
CRYPTOTEK--

**SMASH!**



--ANOTHER  
DAY!

RUN! RUN  
WHILE YOU  
STILL CAN,  
COWARD!

WHEN NEXT  
WE MEET  
ONLY ONE  
OF US SHALL  
SURVIVE!  
SO SWEARS  
CRYPTOTEK!



ELSEWHERE, AS DARKSTORM  
CLIMBS TO FREEDOM...

WHERE, OH,  
WHERE IS  
MORTDREDD  
WHENEVER  
I NEED HIM?  
IT'S SO HARD  
GETTING GOOD  
HELP!

THAT'S IT!  
WHY DIDN'T  
I THINK OF  
THIS BEFORE?

MANY OF THESE KNIGHTS SHARE  
MY VIEWS OF HOW LIFE ON THIS  
PITIFUL PLANET SHOULD BE, BUT THEY  
LACK, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MY  
**IMAGINATION!** THEY NEED TO BE  
PERSUADED TO JOIN MY CAUSE!



HAH! SEEMS  
I ALWAYS GET  
MY BEST IDEAS  
IN THE UN-  
LIKELIEST PLACES!

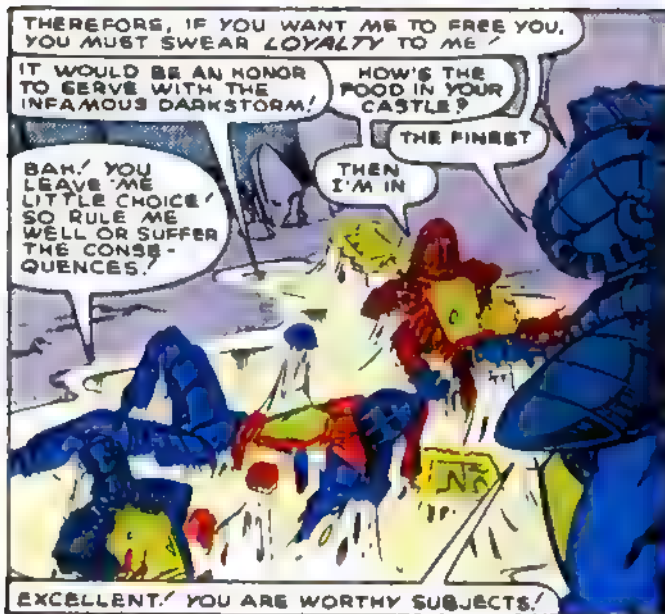
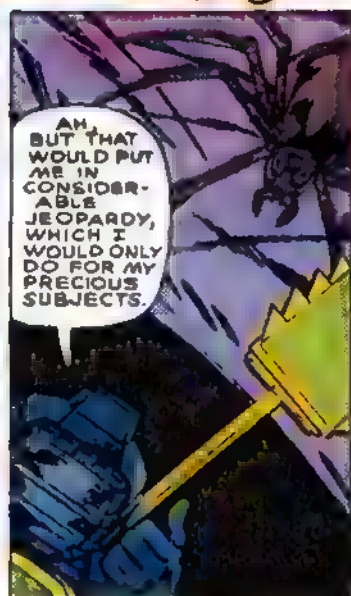
WHAT  
LUCK! CINDARR,  
CRAVEX AND LEXOR  
KNIGHTS WHO ARE  
NOT AFRAID TO SEIZE  
WHATEVER THEY WANT!  
WILLING TO CRUSH  
ANYONE WHO GETS  
IN THEIR WAY!

MY KIND  
OF PEOPLE!

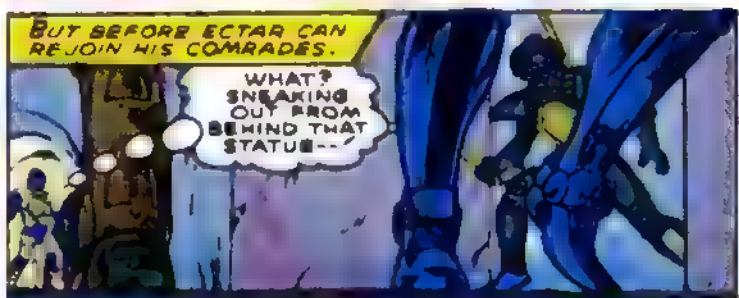


THIS VILE VAT  
OF SPIDER'S MILK  
IS JUST WHAT  
I NEED TO--

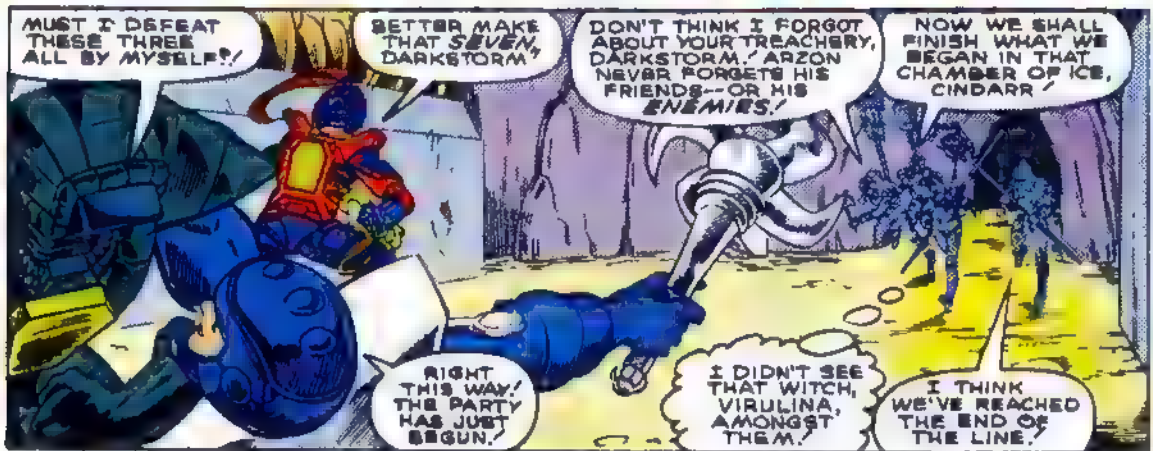
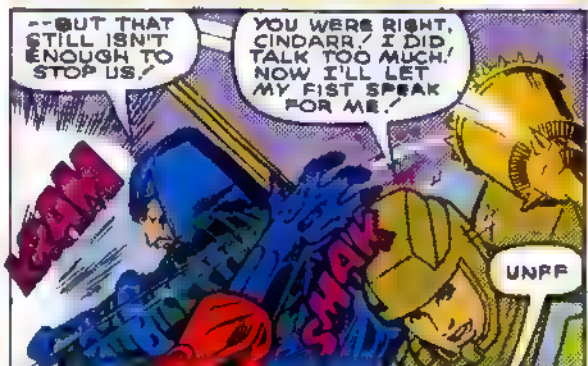
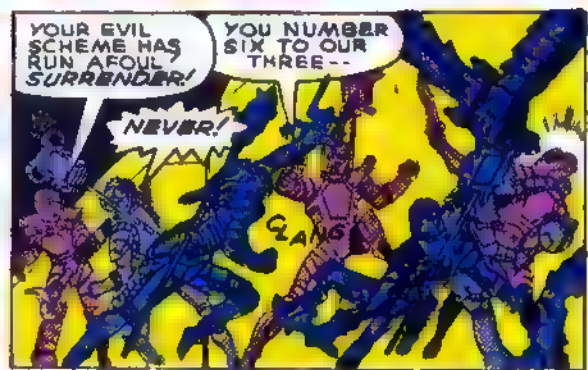
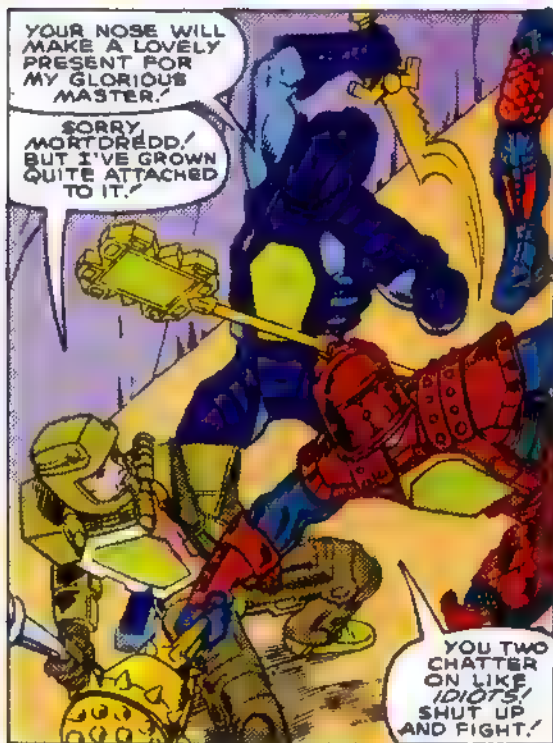




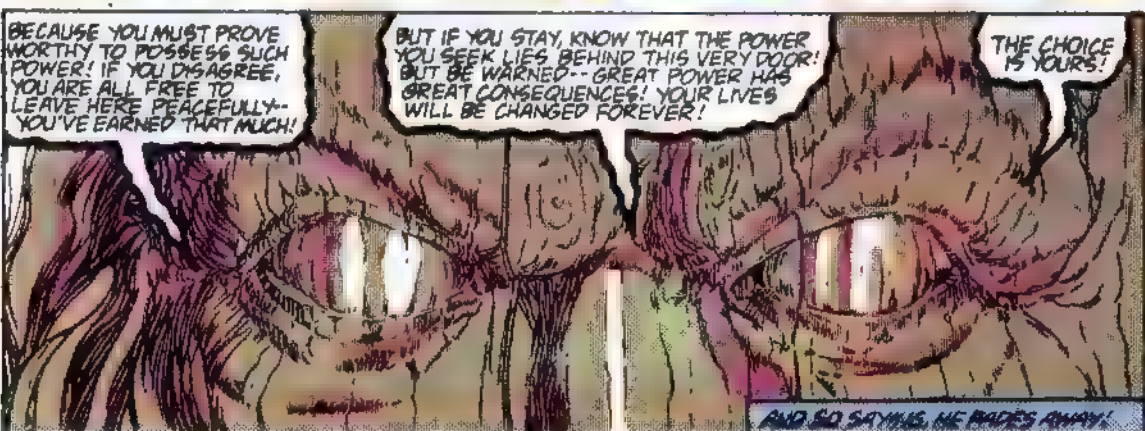
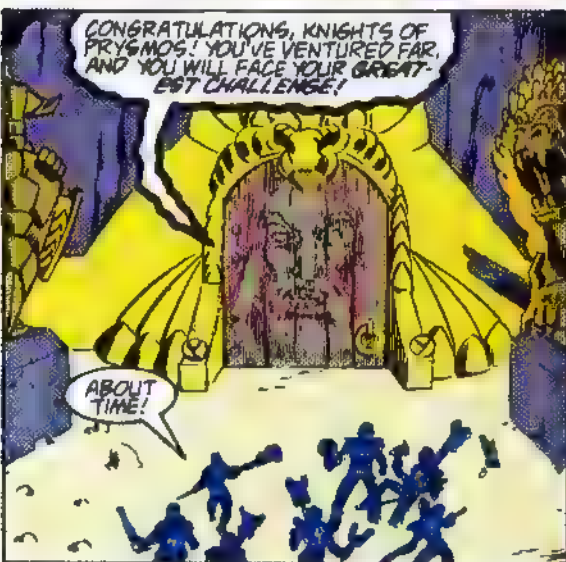
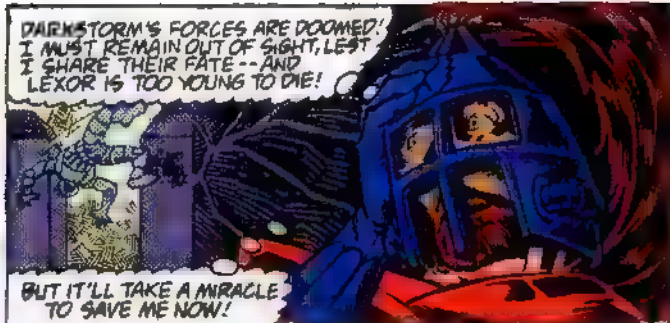
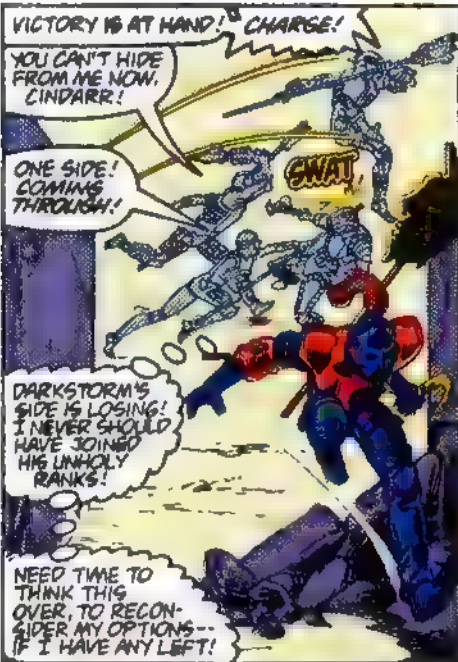


















FOR SEVERAL TENSE MOMENTS THE KNIGHTS STAND FROZEN IN PLACE UNABLE TO FATHOM THE PHANTASMA GORIA BEFORE THEM...

'TIS LIKE NOTHING I'VE SEEN BEFORE. YET THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT IT ALL...

THEY MOVE FASTER THAN LIGHT! WE COULD NEVER EVADE THESE... SPIRITS!

WE WON'T HAVE TO! TAKE COURAGE KNIGHTS, AND--

...FOLLOW ME!

MY HEART'S POUNDING, MY HANDS TREMBLE, AND MY KNEES SHAKE--YET LEORIC'S WORDS GIVE ME STRENGTH TO GO ON!

AS EVER MY SENSES TELL ME TO TRUST LEORIC!

IS LEORIC AS BRAVE AS HE SEEMS, OR A FOOL? AND WHAT AM I TO FOLLOW HIM?

THE KNIGHTS PROCEED TO ENTER THE CHAMBER EACH BATTLING HIS INNERMOST FEARS, AS THE PHANTASMS RETURN TO THE CRYSTAL SPHERE WHENCE THEY CAME.

'TIS OVER! WE FACED OUR "GREATEST CHALLENGE" AND STAND BEFORE YOU! THE TIME OF RECKONING HAS COME!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, KNIGHTS OF PRYOSOS! THESE WERE NO MINDLESS MONSTERS MAKING MISCHIEF, LIKE THOSE YOU ENCOUNTERED EARLIER! NO, THESE "SPIRITS" WERE MYSTICAL REFLECTIONS OF YOUR DARKEST, MOST SECRET FEARS! TO CONQUER THEM, YOU HAD TO CONQUER YOURSELVES!

YOU FOURTEEN KNIGHTS SHALL COMPRISE THE VANGUARD OF A NEW BREED OF WARRIOR! FOR YOU SHALL ALL BE GRANTED MAGICAL MIGHT AND POWER UNDREAMT!

WHO ARE YOU?

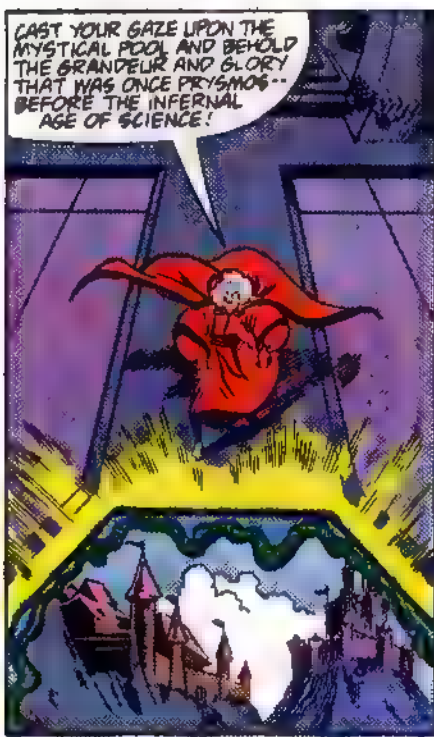
AH, I FORGOT THAT WE WEREN'T PROPERLY INTRODUCED.

I AM... MERKLYNN!

AND I AM MORGAN MCDONALD!



CAST YOUR GAZE UPON THE MYSTICAL POOL AND BEHOLD THE GRANDEUR AND GLORY THAT WAS ONCE PRYSMOS-- BEFORE THE INFERNAL AGE OF SCIENCE!

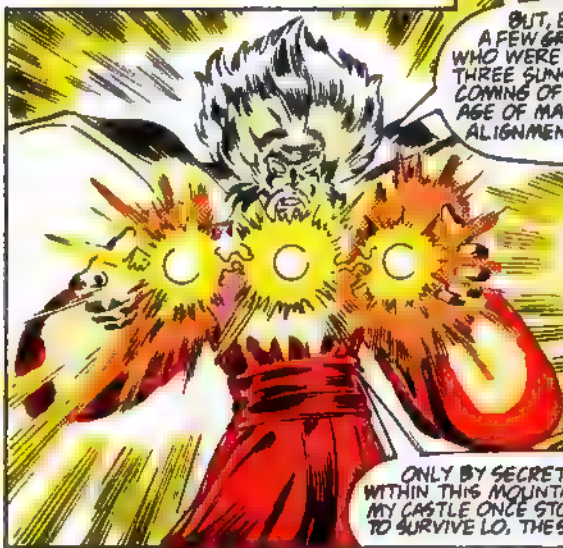


IT WAS THE AGE OF MAGIC! AND MAN WAS STRONG, VIGOROUS AND FREE! HE FARMED, HE HUNTED-- HIS FATE WAS DECIDED BY HIS OWN HAND! THERE WERE NO ASSEMBLAGES OF METAL TO CODDLE HIM! NO TIN MEN TO CARE FOR HIS EVERY NEED! NO WALKING PILES OF JUNK TO FIGHT FOR HIM! THEY WERE STRONG-- AND THE STRONGEST WERE THE PROUD KNIGHTS OF PRYSMOS!

AND UP FROM THE RANKS ROSE THE FEW WHO DARED TO DABBLE IN THE MYSTIC ARTS-- THE MAGES OF PRYSMOS!



BUT, EVENTUALLY THE END NEARED-- ONLY A FEW GREAT WIZARDS SURVIVED-- ONLY THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO READ THE SIGNS! FOR WHEN THE THREE SUNS OF PRYSMOS ALIGNED, IT HERALDED THE COMING OF THE AGE OF SCIENCE AND THE END OF THE AGE OF MAGIC! JUST AS THE RECENT CELESTIAL ALIGNMENT WAS MARKED THE RETURN OF THE AGE OF MAGIC!



ONLY BY SECRETING MY POWER WITHIN THIS MOUNTAIN, UPON WHICH MY CASTLE ONCE STOOD, WAS I ABLE TO SURVIVE LO, THESE MANY YEARS!



BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME! TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOU'VE EARNED THE MAGIC YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE, SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT! HERE, THEN ARE YOUR MAGICAL TOTEMS!





BE NOT AFRAID, KNIGHTS OF PRYSMOS! ACCEPT THESE TOTEMS AS YOUR JUST REWARD! ONLY YOU HAD THE VISION IT TOOK TO SUCCEED IN FINDING THIS CHAMBER!

TRULY THOU ART VISIONARIES!

THE WORDS HE SPEAKS ARE TRUE! AT LAST WE WILL HAVE THE POWER TO REBUILD PRYSMOS!

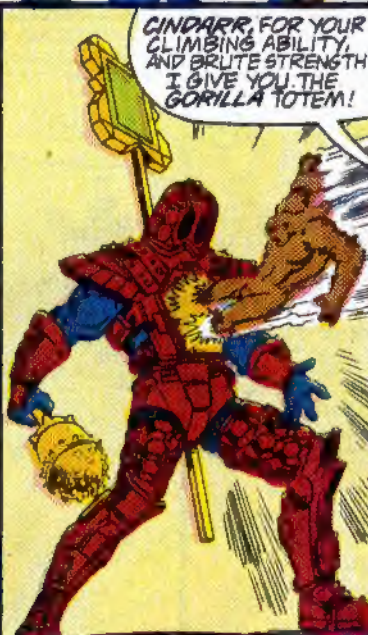


ARZON, WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO FLY YOU FOUND WINGS. FOR IT, YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE EAGLE!

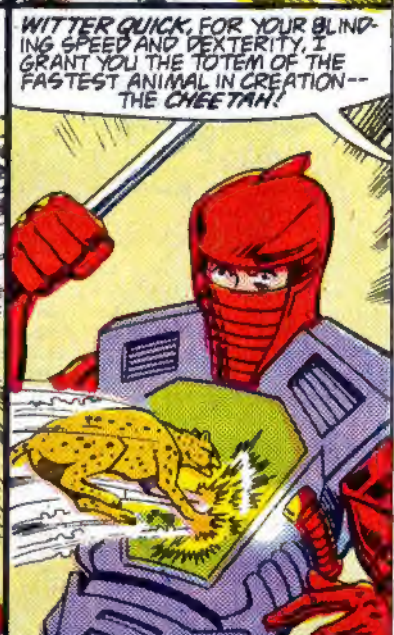
I KNEW THIS WOULD ALL BE WORTH IT!



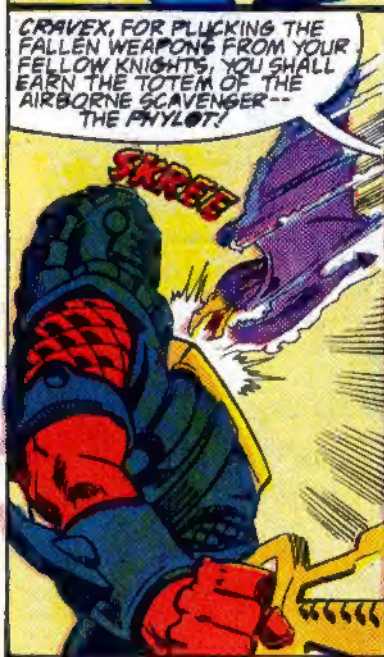
CINDARR, FOR YOUR CLIMBING ABILITY, AND BRUTE STRENGTH I GIVE YOU THE GORILLA TOTEM!



WITTER QUICK, FOR YOUR BLINDING SPEED AND DEXTERITY, I GRANT YOU THE TOTEM OF THE FASTEST ANIMAL IN CREATION-- THE CHEETAH!



CRAXEX, FOR PLUCKING THE FALLEN WEAPONS FROM YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS, YOU SHALL EARN THE TOTEM OF THE AIRBORNE SCAVENGER-- THE PHYLLOT!



AND YOU, ECTAR, FOR HAVING THE CUNNING TO KNOW WHEN TO FOLLOW YOUR COMRADES AT A DISTANCE, WHICH WARNED OF THE AMBUSH, SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE FOX!



FOR BOOT-LICKING, AND OTHER LOATHSOME ACTS, I GIVE YOU, MORTDREDD, THE LOWLY, SCAMPING BEETLE!





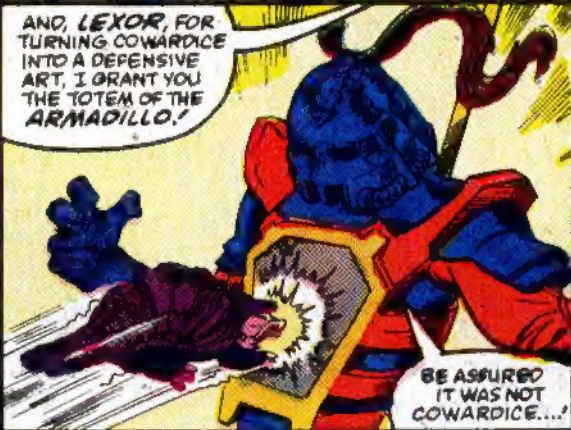
**FERYL**, FOR YOUR AMAZING TRACKING SKILLS, YOU WILL WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **WOLF**!



AND YOU, **VIRULINA**, DISPLAYED A KILLING INSTINCT UNDERWATER THAT IS MATCHED ONLY BY THAT OF THE **SHARK**! THUS, IT SHALL BE YOUR TOTEM!



AND, **LEXOR**, FOR TURNING COWARDICE INTO A DEFENSIVE ART, I GRANT YOU THE TOTEM OF THE **ARMADILLO**!

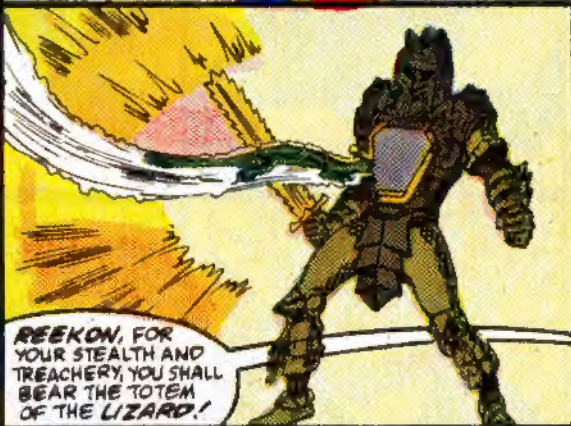


BE ASSURED IT WAS NOT COWARDICE...!

**CRYOTEK**, FOR INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE YOU SHALL WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **BEAR**!



**GRRRR!**



**REEKON**, FOR YOUR STEALTH AND TREACHERY, YOU SHALL BEAR THE TOTEM OF THE **LIZARD**!



**ROAR!**

**LEORIC**, FOR RAW COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU WEAR THE TOTEM OF THE KING OF BEASTS-- THE **LION**!



AND FINALLY, **DARKSTORM**! FOR YOUR INCOMPARABLE SCALING SKILLS, AND SLIMINESS, YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTEM OF THE **MOLLUSK**!



